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SETTING UP OF HOSPITALS FOR TB PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether workers engaged in wood craft and small scale industries at Saharanpur are becoming victims of T.B.;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether the Government is contemplating to set up special hospitals to provide health facilities to the affected workers;

(d) If so, the details thereof;

(e) The time by which such hospitals are likely to be set up; and

(f) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b) : Anyone including industry workers can become victim of TB as TB is airborne infection transmitted by untreated infectious TB patient. In the Saharanpur district, during last year 2005, 4832 TB patients were detected and put on treatment under Revised National TB Control Programme.

(c) : Based on research evidence, domicilary treatment of TB patients is effective. Hospitalization of TB patients is not required except in very serious cases which can be taken care of in General Hospital and no separate TB hospitals are required. Therefore, the concept of establishing of TB hospitals/sanatoria is discouraged and the already existing TB hospitals/sanatoria are getting converted into General Hospitals. In view of this there is no need for establishing T.B. hospital in the district.

However, Under the programme, sputum microscopy for diagnosis and treatment facilities including supply of anti TB drugs for full course of treatment are provided free of cost to all TB patients. For quality diagnosis, designated microscopy centers have been established for every one lakh population. In the district of Saharanpur, 27 Designated Microscopy Centres (DMCs) are functioning. For providing quality TB care services to workers engaged in Wood Crafts and small scale industries in the above district, 2 DMCs are located in the area where these workers reside:

1. Islamia Shifakhana, Nakhasa Bazar.

2. NC Jain Charitable Hospital, Gol Kothi.

(d) to (f): Do not arise.